**Import replenishment lincence**

392. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of import replenishment licence granted against exports of processed fruit/vegetable products and processed potato/grain food products and soft drink concentrates; and

(b) what is the import required by the Punjab Agro for the multinational tie-up and whether it is consistent with the existing policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Foods are covered by Export Product Group 'G' in Appendix 17 of the Import-Export Policy, 1985-88 (Vol. I), a copy of which is available in the Parliament Library. The specific export products, percentage of import replenishment allowed, item permitted for import against these export products are also indicated in the said Export Product 'G' in Appendix-17 of the Import Policy.

The value of REP licences issued to Registered Exporters for Export product Group 'G' of Appendix-17 is as under:—

*(Rs. Crores)*

| Year | Value of licences issued |
|---|---|
| 1984-85 | 62.56 |
| 1985-86 | 60.53 |
| 1986-87 (April-Dec.) | 49.04 |

(b) The proposal submitted by the Punjab Agro Industries Corporation for setting up of a joint venture for manufacture of agro-based products and soft drink concentrates envisages import of raw materials worth Rs. 8.60 crores during the first five years. The application of the Corporation is under examination.

**Amendment of Indian Trade Unions Act**

393. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since finalised the proposals for amending the Indian Trade Unions' Act; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Production of laminated jute bags**

394. DR. MOHD.HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total production of laminated jute bags in the country during the last two years;

(b) what is the total number of units which are manufacturing these bags in the country till December, 1986;

(c) what is the production of HDPE/PP bags in the country during the last two years;

(d) what is the total amount spent annually or the foreign exchange spent in the import of raw material for making HDPE/PPbags; and

(e) what steps Government have taken to encourage laminated jute bag industry?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.